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KNIGHTS TRACK TEAM GETS ONE MORE

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Knights bring home first national indoor track and field title

LUKE SHANNO *EDITOR-IN-CHIEF*

Riding event titles from Akeya Aimable and from the 4x400-meter relay team the Wartburg women's track and field team captured their first indoor national championship Saturday in Terre Haute, Ind.

Wartburg ended the championship with 51 points, holding off second-place University of Wisconsin – La Crosse Eagles, who amassed 41.5 points during the two-day event.

Head coach Marcus Newsom and the Wartburg women's track and field program now own an outdoor national title from 2005 and the 2009 indoor national championship. Saturday's indoor title was the goal all year.

"We didn't shy away from what our goal was. We talked about it. We put it out there that our number one goal was to win an indoor title this year, and we did that," Newsom said. "Words cannot express how proud I am of those women."

The Knights started their scoring Friday night when the distance medley relay team of Amanda and Jennifer Kuiken, Jenny Kordick and Audrey Weidman took to the track.

Amanda Kuiken opened the race with the 1,200-meter leg, Kordick handled the 400-meter portion, Weidman ran the 800-meter leg and Jennifer Kuiken ran the anchor 1,600-meters.

Wartburg remained in the middle of the pack throughout most of the race, sitting in fifth place heading into Jennifer Kuiken's anchor leg. She received the baton, and after eight laps, was able to advance to third.

"That race was definitely a dynamic one. When I got the baton going into the final leg, the whole time, I was just thinking these other three girls did what they had to do to get us where we were," Jennifer Kuiken said. "That pushed me to do the best that I could to finish. I think third was awesome, and I think we can look to next year to do even better."

Wartburg, carrying six points into day two of competition, knew that they would need to make the most of their events to make a run at the team title.

Scoring got started early for the Knights on Saturday as Aimable took top honors in the triple jump, holding off UW – La Crosse's Caitlin Schetter.

"She got us moving forward and moving in the right direction," Newsom said. "She inspired us all, and that made a big difference."

> "Words cannot express how proud I am of those women."
>
> - Coach Marcus Newsom

Wartburg continued the scoring as Sarah Hoffmann finished fourth

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THE RESULTS

Wartburg College earned its first women's National Indoor Track and Field Championship title Saturday afternoon. The Knights came home with 14 All-Americans.

1.	**Wartburg College**	**51.0 pts.**
2.	UW - La Crosse	41.5
3.	UW - Oshkosh	33.0
4.	Illinois Wesleyan	28.0
5.	Tufts University	23.0

Young team graduates two of 14 All-Americans

LUKE SHANNO *EDITOR-IN-CHIEF*

The 2009 Wartburg women's indoor track and field team crowned 14 All-Americans during the 2009 National Indoor Track and Field Championships.

The youth theme was apparent at the national championships for the orange and black as Wartburg will return 12 of the 14 All-Americans to the 2010 indoor season line-up, in an attempt to defend their national title.

Seniors Akeya Aimable and Kelsey Steffens will graduate, and leave big gaps to fill. But there is a small army of returning athletes who gained tremendous amounts of experience and stand poised to lead Wartburg into next year's season.

"It's an exciting feeling to know that you have that level of experience based on who's returning," head coach Marcus Newsom said. "They've all committed themselves since coming in as freshmen. They believe in that dream, that if you come to Wartburg, that's what our goal is: to win a national title."

Members of the team echo Newsom's thoughts.

"The experience is awesome," Sarah Hoffmann said. "We have a young team. It's only the start of big things though. We were able to do something special today. The experience at the young ages, it's the start of something big."

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Senior's first year of triple jump is a success

LUKE SHANNO *EDITOR-IN-CHIEF*

For Akeya Aimable, walking away from the 2009 NCAA Div. III Indoor Track and Field Championships with an individual title in a jumping event wasn't even a thought three months ago.

What most people don't know about the current triple jump champion and an All-American is that she began jumping at the beginning of this indoor season.

"To have a senior [Aimable] who's only been triple-jumping for two months, to have her come up, to compete and to win it, that is very special," head coach Marcus Newsom said.

"It's amazing," Aimable said. "Coming from never really jumping to walking away a national champion, I never would have thought it would happen."

Aimable won her preliminary heat and qualified second in the finals of the triple jump Saturday morning.

Once in the finals, Aimable solidified her spot atop the podium with her first jump as she set a new school record by jumping 12.04 meters.

"I just started thinking about what [assistant coach Dave] Sage told me," Aimable said. "He told me to have myself thinking about winning it. So, I went for it on that jump, and it worked out."

The senior came through in more than one way for the team, with her timing for the triple jump title setting a good tone for the Knights throughout Saturday's events.

"Akeya started the day off and got us inspired," Newsom said. "She got us moving forward and moving in the right direction."

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Salaries frozen until after fall enrollment is known

JACKIE ALBRECHT *NEWS EDITOR*

The Wartburg College Board of Regents decided faculty, staff and administration salary increase decisions will be delayed until the fall in order to more clearly understand what revenue the college will receive.

Although salaries will not be lowered, it is uncertain at this time whether increases will occur due to current state of the economy, Wartburg Interim President William Hamm said.

"We're being prudent because of the direction the economy is going, we simply need to be cautious. The largest element in our budget is salaries obviously, so we are going to be cautious and make sure we achieve our enrollment targets before we commit ourselves to things," Hamm said.

Vice President of Enrollment Management Edith Waldstein said due to the lower tuition increase, tuition revenue from enrollment will greatly determine what the college can afford.

"The part this year that is a bit unusual is that we have a significantly smaller increase in tuition, which means less revenue. We have taken a hard look at salaries because it is a significant expenditure for the college, and said 'in these uncertain economic times, let's change our process this year just to be extra careful,'" Waldstein said.

The college is seeing a decrease in the amount of gifts being received, which is another reason for the delay of salary increase decisions, Vice President of Administration Gary Grace said.

"People who are interested in supporting the college through their philanthropy and gifts are being cautious about giving to the college, which is another source of income. Certainly, not as significant as tuition, but it is significant. ... That's another reason to be cautious, until we understand exactly how that is being affected by the economy as well," Grace said.

In a Februrary interview, Hamm told the Trumpet that part of the money for next year's tuition increase would go towards faculty and staff salary increases; however, tuition figures were released before the board of regents discussed budget concerns.

"The board met between the time [The Trumpet] talked to President Hamm and me about

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Presidential candidates withdraw

JACKIE ALBRECHT *NEWS EDITOR*

The top two candidates in the presidential search have chosen not to pursue their candidacy for personal reasons. The search committee will now begin looking at a second wave of candidates, search committee chair Ray McCaskey said.

McCaskey said the candidates' choice to withdraw was unrelated to Wartburg.

"All were interested in the position, but after reflecting on other commitments have decided not to pursue the position," McCaskey said.

The search committee has targeted some individuals who weren't actively looking for a new job, McCaskey said.

"Many have great jobs where they already are. ... It takes a little bit more time to spark enthusiasm about Wartburg [when candidates aren't seeking a new job]," McCaskey said.

The search committee is not concerned about finishing the search before the end of the academic year.

"We have a number of new names. I'm still cautiously optimistic we will wrap this up within the next couple of months," McCaskey said.

Interim President William Hamm said it is typical for candidates to withdraw in any stage of a search.

"Whenever you have an aggressive search you always have people who withdraw at every stage of the process. So, it looks a little disconcerting, but it ought not," Hamm said.

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Wartburg College international students exhibited their homegrown talents as they delivered a diversity performance to cap off Wartburg's celebration of Culture Week activities Saturday in Neumann Auditorium. The theme was "Come Together" which some people believe fit the week well.

"The students really did "come together" and present a wonderful evening of diverse entertainment for the community. . .I am so proud of everyone who participated," office coordinator of International Student Programs Joann Strottman said.

Mike Mertz attended the culture week performances on Saturday night for the first time and was impressed.

"The performances were fantastic, I liked everything: all the dance themes, martial arts, the Mosaico bar theme and the African dances. I really didn't know what to expect, but the show came out amazingly . . . I'd love to come next time," Mertz said.

Neumann Auditorium was illuminated by rainbow colored strobe lights. There were performances by the Mosaico-Latino group, belly dancers, traditional Zulu Dancers, the international club band, Chinese martial arts performers, modern Indian-Nepali dancers and two groups of contemporary African dancers.

"The performances were amazing. The students really stepped it up this time. As the event approached, we realized that it was too big to fail," director of international student programs Kevin Roiseland said.

The international dinner allowed everyone to come

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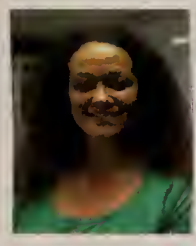
Golden resigns from media liaison position

MAC SLAVIN *SPORTS EDITOR*

After eight years working in the Communication and Marketing office, Karris Golden has resigned to pursue another job opportunity.

Golden's resignation will go into effect March 25.



"The timing worked out fairly well in terms of important projects coming to a close," Golden said.

She said that the office is usually busy around the end of the semester, so leaving right now worked out well.

Golden is responsible for working with Wartburg media relations and Wartburg Magazine.

While Golden will be leaving the Communication and Marketing office, she will finish teaching her IS 201 class.

Saul Shapiro, Director of Communication and Marketing, said the job is currently being advertised and a search committee has been formed.

"What will be missed most is her devotion to her work and her passion for the college. That has made the magazine an interesting and lively read, and it has paid dividends and getting Wartburg extensive media coverage. She really took complete ownership of all aspects of her job description," Shapiro said.

Shapiro thinks Golden will be successful wherever she goes.

"She made her mark at Wartburg, but after eight years, she may need a new challenge," he said. "Whatever it is, I'd bet again that she'll be successful."

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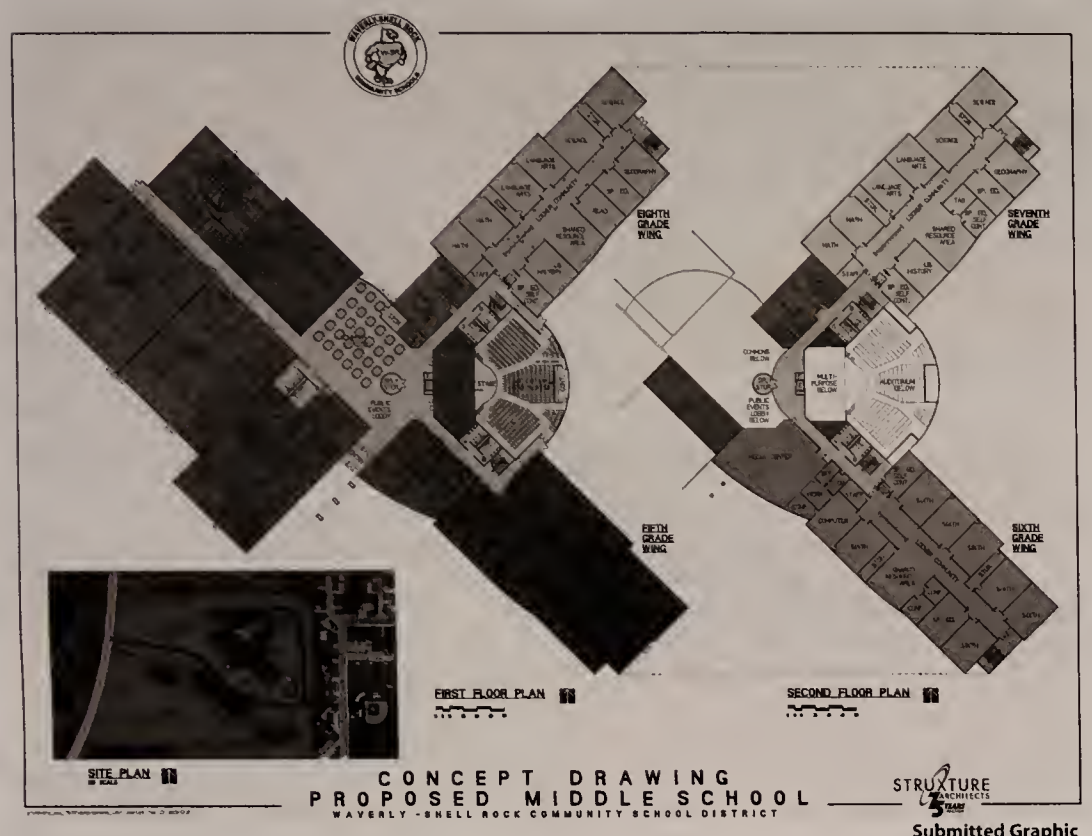

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Washington Irving Elementary was damaged during the summer flooding. A floor plan has been created for a school that would allow the district to replace the elementary school and outdated junior high.

Bond issue needed to replace school

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KALLIE COOPER *WTV-8 NEWS*

The Waverly-Shell Rock school board hopes voters will approve an $18.9 million bond issue to help pay for a new middle school and junior high.

The bond issue election is *scheduled for Tuesday, April 7.*

Washington Irving elementary school was severely damaged during last summer's floods.

Classes are currently held in the old CUNA Mutual building in the Willow Lawn Mall.

The building was remodeled to temporarily house the students, but the facility has some major drawbacks.

The walls of the building do not touch the ceiling due to heating and cooling systems.

"I'd like to have the rooms closed on top and I'd like to have a bigger T.A.G. room, because the one we are in now is very, very little," Christian Flege, a fifth grader at Washington Irving, said.

The noise of hundreds of kids can travel from classroom to classroom disrupting students and teachers.

Kelly Flege heads the group, "Building for the Future," which is helping promote the bond referendum that would allow the school to build a new facility.

"I see a need for the future and just feel that as a citizen and a parent in the community, I have a role to help facilitate the move forward with the new structure," Flege said.

The new facility would house students in fifth through eighth grade, allowing the district to replace not only the damaged elementary school, but also the outdated junior high.

The school would be built on land near the high school that the district already owns.

The new building would cost the city upwards of about $23 million, leaving the district to cover the remaining cost.

The school will receive some flood relief funding to help with the project, but Superintendent Jere Vyverberg said the school will not build beyond what they are able to afford.

"I compare what we're doing a lot to home ownership. The same thing if you are building a house applies. You start off with, 'well, this is what we really could use, and this is what we really want,' but if the funding isn't there, well this is what we're going to have to use and have to want," Vyverberg said.

An informational campaign to promote the bond issue is underway. People can go online at www.wsrb4f.com to see a list of common questions and answers.

A large version of the floor plans (shown above) is on display at several places in town, including Hy-Vee. Yard signs will also go up this week.

Both Kelly Flege and Vyverberg said they are optimistic about the plans and if the bond is approved would like to see the project completed by 2011.

"I know all my friends and I would like a new school, because they don't like the one we're in now," Christian Flege said.

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'Be Oranger' TV ad awarded silver medal

JASON MEYER *STAFF WRITER*

"Wartburg College's "Be Oranger" television commercial won a silver medal in the Admissions Marketing Awards Competition for being unique and forward thinking.

The award was given Feb. 25 by HMR Publications. The commercial was produced by ME & V Advertising in Cedar Falls and directed by Assistant Vice President for Admissions Todd Coleman.

Coleman said the commercial is based on "The Daily Show" and "The Colbert Report" by including facts about the college with humor.

"We were trying to attract a younger crowd on local cable channels like MTV," Coleman said. "It was to be zany and unique."

The commercial attempts to be outrageous by telling students to be "oranger" and has a cutout of an orange zebra that is being moved by a stick in the background. The ad has been criticized by Wartburg students for being corny.

"It seems a little hokey," Joey Sterner said, "but as a Wartburg student you are used to the whole orange perspective."

Despite the negative opinions from some students, the commercial appeals to its viewers.

Markus Tillmanns was surprised to find out that the orange zebra helped Wartburg win an award.

"If you look at the creativity and put it to a rubric, it would win," Tillmanns said. "It looks phony, but it's not terrible."

Coleman said the commercial will run in the Cedar Valley area until the end of April and will likely run again next year as high school students begin the college search.

He also said it will run during special events such as the NCAA Basketball Tournament with the University of Northern Iowa in the tournament.

Coleman said he is proud the "Be Oranger" commercial received recognition and looks forward to working on the next commercial.

"If people comment on it, whether it is good or bad, then you know you did something right," Coleman said.

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Many institutions being prudent in current economy

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the tuition increase. ... As a part of the deliberations, discussions, study and analysis of the budget for next year, they decided in these uncertain economic times it was wise and responsible and prudent to be cautious in terms of the budget that is set for '09-'10," Waldstein said.

Any tuition that would've gone towards salary increases will stay in the operating budget, Waldstein said.

"The budget that the board approved is a plan for expenditures and a plan for income next year. ... Right now that plan says we may not have enough tuition income to cover everything that we need to cover and increase salaries," Waldstein said.

After fall enrollment figures are known, the administration will be able to see whether there is enough net tuition revenue to do more than was planned. If there is enough revenue, the first priority will be to look at faculty and staff salaries, Waldstein said.

Hamm said most institutions are delaying making any decisions on salary increases until early fall.

"Not everyone is doing a salary freeze, but they're taking a bigger risk than we are. I think everybody is being very cautious," Hamm said. "Virtually everybody I've talked to is undertaking strategies similar to the ones we are undertaking."

In the past, salary increases have been decided in the spring. Waldstein said, however, that many institutions do not decide on salary amounts until the fall as a normal means of operation.

Despite salary increase decisions being delayed, benefits for employees have not been lowered, Waldstein said.

"The retirement benefits are the same as they have been. If you were to look around the higher education landscape and the business and industry landscape, that's not necessarily true in this economy," Waldstein said.

Hamm said the budget is being trimmed where appropriate to be cautious in the current economy.

"We're doing all sorts of things to try and trim the budget without hurting anybody. We don't want to do anything that diminishes the academic experience of students," Hamm said.

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What's Your Take?

Should the drinking age be lowered?

Anne Bergquist

"I think a lot of people find it more exciting to drink when its illegal than if it were to be legal and they think it's bad and more exciting in general."

Jon Housholder

"I don't know if 18-year-olds can really take it very responsibly, but then again maybe if it was lowered I don't think it would be as much of a problem for younger kids. It kind of goes either way."

Justin Schwake

"I do not think the drinking age should be lowered. Most people under the legal drinking age now, that I know, are not responsible to drink around the age of 18 or whatever age people think it should be lowered to."

Brittney May

"Because on a college campus, alcohol is always there and it gets a lot of students in trouble because it's hard to resist...But it is probably not a good idea to lower it to 18 because then high school seniors can drink and then the same problem will happen there as it is in college."

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From the Other Side of the Desk

The understanding of color in our daily lives

KAREN BLACK
PROFESSOR OF MUSIC

I am not a color person. It's not that I don't like color, or think that I am particularly bad with color. I like to have color on the walls in my house.

My wardrobe has lots of blue and red and no orange, not because I am secretly a Luther or a Cyclone fan, but because orange is not a good color for me. I am a spring, after all.

My older daughter is one of those people who identify everything by color. When she describes anything, the usual adjective is a color.

She will describe something solely by its color and I have no idea what she is talking about. When she was about two, she had an obsession with red cars.

She would have a screaming fit if we didn't park by a red car.

There really was no reason other than she was two and that was what she wanted.

The amazing thing is we would actually do it. We once drove around a parking lot for about 10 minutes until we found a red car at the far end where employees park.

And God help us if we found a red car but no empty space next to it.

I just don't pay attention to color that way.

Maybe it's because I'm a musician and have trained the acuity of my ears more than my eyes.

I couldn't tell you the color of the carpet in my office unless I were right there and could see it. But this time of year, I do notice the absence of color.

Driving home from Cedar Falls the other day, I was struck at the monochromatic landscape: gray sky and various shades of brown, tan and more gray everywhere.

It is lovely in its own way, I suppose, and an artist could make something beautiful of the scene.

But the knowledge of what is soon to come makes me impatient for color.

It amazes me that every year spring comes as somewhat of a surprise, as if I can't really remember what it is like even though I've experienced dozens of them. The budding trees and greening grass draw my attention although it happens the same way every year.

I suddenly notice color and am encouraged by its appearance, as if this renewal of the natural world has the power to change my character defects.

It's not just pretty, but makes grace real and possibility abound. The Cubs could do it this year. I'll get caught up on work. I'll be a better friend, teacher, colleague…

My daughter and a friend decided they would both wear all black today, just because.

In fact, I noticed the whole family is wearing primarily black today. I hope we wear color tomorrow, and I may even go looking for a red car. And please let me know when you see the first budding tree or flower.

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It's all about the those earmarks

ANDREW NOSTVICK *OP/ED EDITOR*

It seems like all the talk around Washington these days is about those earmarks.

I could go on and on all day about how tired I am of hearing about the word "earmark."

Dictionary.com describes an earmark as something reserved or set aside for a particular purpose.

Earmarks are usually added to the national budget. The Federal Office of Management and Budget does have a Web site that can help.

There was a lot of talk recently about earmarks in the 2009 Omnibus Bill, which was passed a couple of weeks ago.

Taxpayers for Common Sense (TCS) researched some of the earmarks in the Omnibus bill.

This included $950,000 to build the Myrtle Beach International Trade and Convention Center and $190,000 for a Buffalo Bill Historical Center in Cody, Wyo. Iowa even has an earmark of $184,000 devoted to livestock waste.

There are 8,570 earmarks disclosed in this bill, according to TCS.

Now, not all earmarks are necessarily a bad thing.

For every "bridge to nowhere," there are items such as $1.18 million for Long Beach, Calif. to use for at-risk youth monitoring to help improve our society.

Some will dispute whether these should be used or not.

All I can say is it's a good thing I'm not in Congress.

I would have added more goofy earmarks to the bill. Of course I have examples.

$500,000 for a Civil War re-enactment with squirrels

Civil War re-enactments are as common in American culture as say hash browns.

What better way to look at an important war in American History than through the use of squirrels.

$1.7 million for the use of Goat milk as an energy alternative

Go ahead, laugh all you want! But when I win the Nobel Prize for research on this, you won't be laughing.

$644,000 for an investigation into why the chicken crossed the road

It's a serious issue that needs to be addressed. We can't just believe it was to get to the other side. I'd call for a congressional investigation if I had to.

$750,000 for the creation of the Cesar Romero Museum in Hollywood

Any man who can pull off playing The Joker, while wearing a mustache, certainly deserves his own museum.

$4.75 million for the creation of a Tae-Bo station at Central Park in New York City

People like a good workout. If the Simon and Garfunkle concert is a snoozer, go to the Tae-Bo center, where a Billy Blanks certified instructor can give you the workout you need.

Obviously, none of these earmarks would ever make it into a spending bill and thank goodness.

I don't think the world is ready for Civil War re-enactors who are squirrels or for waiting in line at the goat mart to fill up the Taurus.

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Sustainability Challenge sees good results

ANDREW NOSTVICK *OP/ED EDITOR*

Wartburg saw decreases in eletricty and water usage while natural gas usage increased during the Sustainability Challenge against Luther during the month of Februrary.

The Sustainability Challenge involved seeing who can use the least amount of energy. The three factors measured were electricity, natural gas and water. The schools compared measurements to those of the previous year.

In the electricity portion of the challenge, Wartburg saw a 3.62 percent reduction in the bill from the previous year.

Campus Sustainability Officer Tammy Faux said she heard from RAs that students were turning their lights off more than they ever saw.

"I hope that people can make that a habit, to always turn off their lights, to always unplug their chargers, to always turn off their computers when they're not using them," she said.

In the natural gas portion of the challenge, Wartburg's usage increased by 1.1 percent. However, Faux said it was a smaller percentage increase compared to last February due to a much warmer February this year.

As for the water portion of the challenge, Wartburg saw a decrease in water usage by almost 12 percent.

Faux was excited when she saw people everywhere talking about the challenge.

"Not just talking about the energy challenge, but everywhere I went, people were talking about sustainability," Faux said. "I think the fact that it was against Luther helped people to be more excited about it, but I also think people got into the 'let's save energy' thing."

Faux said she thinks students did a good job, but would like to see more of these changes.

"Students need to give ideas. Students, often times in communication with other people, have new ideas," she said. "They need to be sharing those ideas, and being the innovators and pushing the college to try new things."

Faux would like to see students pay attention to their surroundings. For example, she suggested turning off the lights when a student is the last person in the classroom.

"Students can take more action and actually advocate for change, rather than just say 'somebody else is going to do it.' I'd like to see students say 'I'm going to be the one to do it'," Faux said.

Luther's results are not available yet.

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Prensky presents on technology and education

ELLEN KURT *ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR*

Mark Prensky spoke about how students need to form a partnership and work together in a speech on Wednesday night in Neumann Auditorium.

"If we can let the students do what they do well, which is use the technology. . . as a tool, while the teachers and faculty sit back and rather than be technology users, they're guides, question askers, [and] quality providers, then we can get a partnership," Prensky said.

As an internationally acclaimed writer, futurist and inventor in the fields of education, technology and learning, Prensky is the first speaker of the Learning Task Force of Commission on Mission. Each speaker will address the subject, "A 2020 Vision of Learning."

Prensky gave a speech on Wednesday evening and met with a panel of students on Thursday.

"We want to rethink ourselves to a large extent from teachers of content to teachers of skills. And as students, we want to rethink ourselves from receivers of content to people who build skills that will help us build more fulfilling lives," Prensky said.

He said faculty filling students' heads with knowledge and testing them on this information that they will eventually forget is useless. Practicing the skills over and over will be more effective.

"He . . .believes strongly that technology can be a very valuable tool in engaging students in meaningful learning," Fred Ribich, director of Institutional Research, said.

Wartburg is the perfect size because of small class sizes, and partnerships between students and professors can be more easily formed, Prensky said.

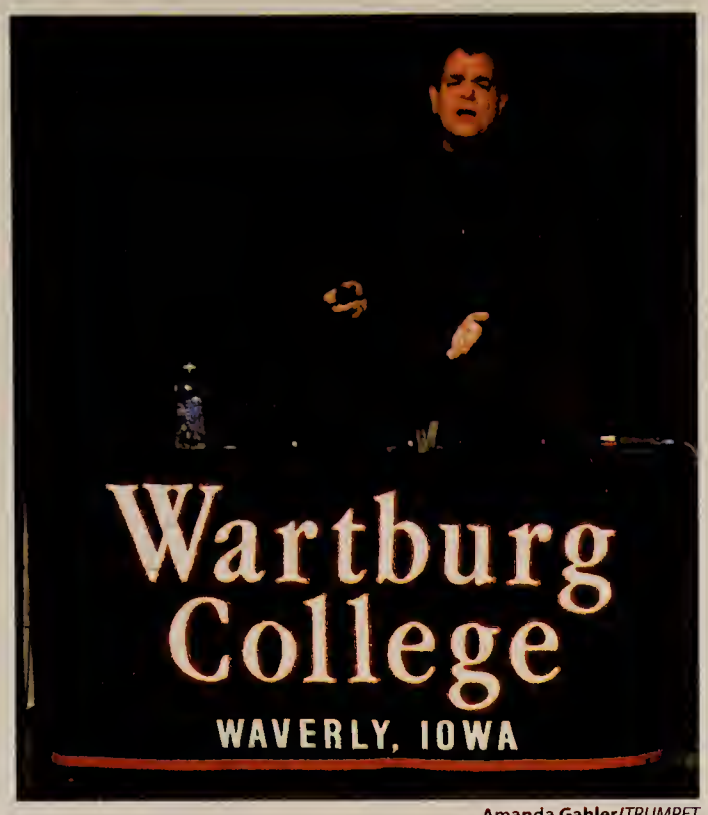
He also emphasized when you give students something to do, they learn better than if you lecture to them. When talking with one of the communications professors, Prensky gave some advice about this.

"You can say 'here's what makes good copy,' or you can give them, side by side, 50 different examples and have them tell you which one is better and why," Prensky said.

Some professors who are not used to using technology may find this scary, he said. They may be scared of tools they don't know, losing control and feeling stupid in front of students. But the world is "birthing" a new type of person who requires digital tools to live and work, Prensky said.

Too many teachers think that students use technology as the new spitball, he said, when they are Facebooking and texting each other during class. He considers those that did not grow up with technology "digital immigrants" who teach by delivering content in a "one size fits all" way, but he believes these "digital immigrants" are starting to come around to technology.

"They get an a-ha and think maybe I can talk or work with the students differently, or maybe I don't respect them enough. Maybe when I say they have the attention span of a gnat, it is not true," Prensky said.



Amanda Gahler/*TRUMPET*

Internationally acclaimed futurist Mark Prensky gives the first Commission on Mission Learning Task Force speech Wednesday evening. Prensky spoke about how professors can integrate technology into the classroom.

Those on the task force are asking all presenters to provoke them into thinking how the future has both challenges and new opportunities.

"He seemed to fit with what our charge was as a task force. What we want to get out of the whole series of symposium of events is ideas that we need to be thinking about in terms of how Wartburg moves into the future and in terms of how we engage students in teaching and learning," Ribich said.

The Learning Task Force's next speaker will be Sylvia Hurtado on March 17 and S. Georgia Nugent on March 19.

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Ritterchor men to be auctioned for good cause

ADAMU MUHAMMAD *STAFF WRITER*

Ritterchor will hold their third annual date auction Thursday, March 19, at 8:30 in the Lyceum to raise money for the Cedar Valley Food Pantry.

The food pantry provides crisis and supplemental food assistance for families and individuals in Black Hawk County.

"The intention is to raise money, but at the same time I think people are going to have fun," said Austin Zaruba, the president of Ritterchor.

Ritterchor has raised about $2,100 for the Invisible Children Fund for the last two years through auctions and they hope to raise $1,000 for the Cedar Valley Food Pantry this year.

The Cedar Valley Food Pantry enables families to stretch their money further and use their savings to provide other necessities that would otherwise not be available.

Over 1,100 households are provided with supplemental and emergency food assistance each month.

Last year, the Cedar Valley Food Pantry provided over 25,000 individuals with food.

Ritterchor will perform two selections prior to the start of the bidding.

Fourteen members will be sold to the highest bidder during the auction. Jeff Stein will emcee the event.

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KNIGHTLIFE

Trachte to retire after 35 years of service

P.T. looks forward to time for family, relaxation and traveling

EMILY SCHMITT *KNIGHTLIFE EDITOR*

Rev. Larry Trachte will retire from his position as college pastor in May. He has spent the past 35 years being a pastor, teacher and counselor to thousands of Wartburg students.

Trachte's Wartburg connections began in 1962, when he enrolled in the college.

"Wartburg was a wonderful place for... discerning a direction in my life. I really wasn't sure where I was supposed to go and what I was supposed to do," he said.

Rev. Larry Trachte

The college's strong Lutheran focus strengthened his faith.

"Waverly and Wartburg were by far the most Lutheran place I'd ever been. And that was kind of a different experience for me. I'd grown up in a Catholic community and half my family was Catholic," he said. "Coming here...reaffirmed my Lutheran identity."

After graduating in 1966, he enrolled at Wartburg seminary in Dubuque. Two years later, he was ordained and called to be associate pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran in Waverly.

In 1974, he was asked to be Wartburg's college pastor.

He said he was unsure about his ability to do the job. He didn't think he could live up to the image of a college pastor.

Trachte had thought about taking more counseling courses, but realized it would be difficult to return to school while serving a congregation full-time. As a campus pastor, he could take courses during summers.

His work with students over the years was a primary factor in his decision as well.

"They really affirmed that they would like me to be their pastor," he said.

Although he didn't think of himself as a college pastor, he decided he was young enough to try and took the position.

"When I came here, I thought I'd do this four or five years until I got old," Trachte said.

But, 35 years later, he is still the pastor on campus. Trachte said his job fits his interests perfectly.

"It's that combination of teaching, pastoring and counseling," he said.

He enjoys working with students and seeing them blossom, which is why he likes teaching.

"The teaching has been a real joy for me. Because I teach practical areas, it also feeds into my ministry," he said.

Traveling has been a highlight for Trachte, who has led many alumni tours and May Term trips.

"I love May Terms. I really enjoy those opportunities to get away with students and get to know them every day for a month."

Trachte has developed a strong love for Wartburg and for the students that have come and gone over the years. Because college students are at a life-changing time in their lives, he thinks it is critical for the church to be involved in higher education.

"I think it's an important investment, because important decisions are being made in these four years. And not just about your job or even whom you are going to marry, but also decisions about... how you're going to live your life," he said.

"And I think for the church to be involved with and accompanying students during those four years is very, very important and very significant."

Although he will no longer be college pastor, Trachte will still be on campus next year to teach his Living With Death course and to clean out his office, which he thinks will take most of the year. He has also agreed to lead two alumni tours in 2010.

But Trachte is determined to spend time off campus as well. He plans to take time for his four grandsons and to focus on his incomplete house, which he started building 10 years ago.

He also wants time for himself. Trachte hopes to do more fishing, woodworking and sitting on his deck than he has in the past. He would like to take a few courses in the future and travel companies have expressed interest in him leading trips to Germany.

"Everyone tells me you're busier in retirement than you were working," he said. "So I'm going to try really hard the first year to say no to things, but I'm already failing at that. I won't be bored."

Although Trachte is going to try to spend time away from campus, he will continue to be involved with Wartburg.

"I'm certainly open to any way I can continue to serve the college," he said.

Trachte will miss many things about Wartburg, especially the people.

"The best thing about being here is the community—the combination of talented and caring students, faculty and staff," he said. "I've had a very meaningful ministry and I've found it very rewarding."

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Trachte's Career

1962	enrolled at Wartburg
1964	studied at University of Bonn in Germany
1966	graduated from Wartburg
1970	called to St. Paul's Lutheran
1974	became Wartburg pastor
1982	received master's degree
1993	received Student Award for Teaching Excellence
1994	Moehlmann Chaplaincy Chair and Dean of Faculty
2004	received Student Award for Teaching Excellence
2009	retires from position in May

SERVICE TRIPS 2009

Our group includes 17 students and four alumni. We've spent our time in Florida helping people with disabilities and working with homelessness. Each experience taught us something new and brightened someone's day. We've enjoyed seeing each other grow and seeing the smiles of the people we helped. None of us could have done this alone, we served together.

~The Pensacola Service Trip

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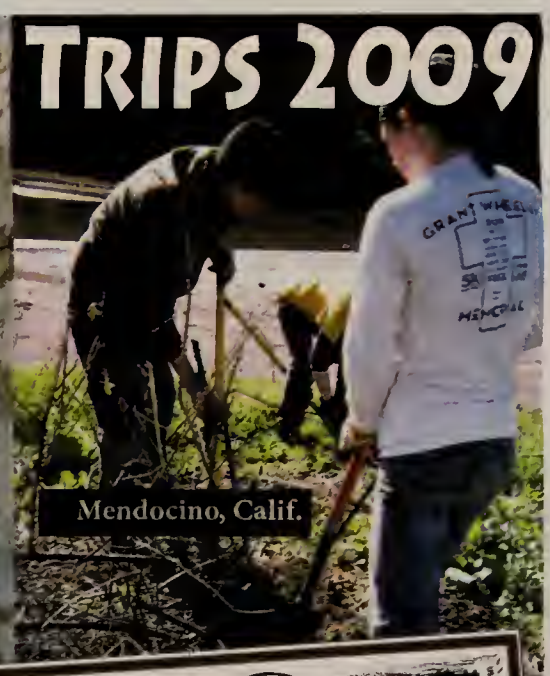
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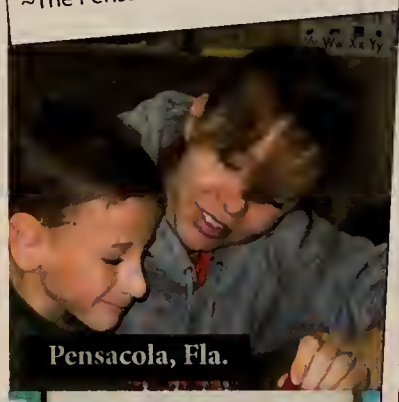
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Our group is in the heart of the Appalachians fixing up an abandoned apartment complex. We also play with kids who attend the Southern Appalachian Labor School's after school program. Most of the small mountain towns have no government. Storefronts are empty, and houses are falling apart. Coal mining is common here. These people helped industrialize America, but they have been forgotten. "It's like musical chairs," the school's director said. "When the music stops, one person will not have a place to sit...and they will be forgotten."

Heather Glass

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We're staying in the middle of a second growth redwood forest. We've been focusing a lot on invasive plant removal and we planted willow sprigs that will grow in place of the invasive plants, restoring the natural beauty of the state park here. We've watched whales, dolphins and seals in the Pacific Ocean. I feel honored that I'm part of a group that, in just a week, is doing something to help and promote the majestic, awe-inspiring of California's redwoods.

-Stephanie Evans

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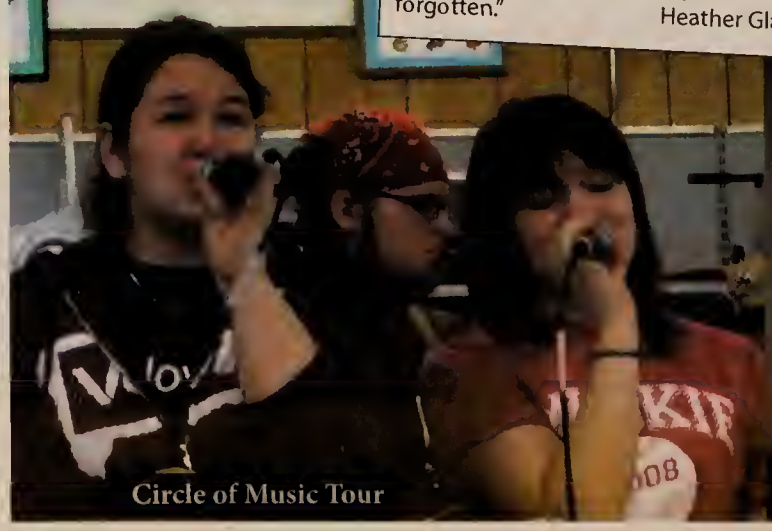
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NEWS

One-stop shop offers graduation essentials

ASHLEY EVANS *STAFF WRITER*

Chemistry and Theater major Matt Langston didn't know what to expect going into the Senior Year Experience Grad Finale.

"I'm a little concerned I might have to pay for something, and I didn't bring any money," he said.

Nathan Peterson, however, had high expectations.

"I'm hoping that they're going to give me a job when I walk through that door," he said.

While the Grad Finale didn't promise jobs, it offered seniors a "one-stop shop" to get their affairs in order before graduation, Jenny Johnson, co-coordinator for Senior Year Experience, said.

Senior Year Experience is a service that helps seniors with transition issues as they graduate. Career services, workshops and information on job search strategies are offered through the program, along with the Grad Finale.

Over 300 seniors attended the Finale Wednesday night in the Heritage Ballroom, Johnson said. She and Carla Coates, co-coordinator of Senior Year Experience, wanted to make the graduation process more convenient for the students.

"It takes a lot of cross collaboration between departments but we've found that it is a need, and we want to take the time to do that for the students," Johnson said.

Students had the chance to check their accounts with those different departments, like financial aid, registrar and the bookstore for their cap and gown.

Seniors for a Cause, a seniors-only group that allows students to choose how their future donations to Wartburg will be used, and the Alumni Association also had tables.

At the Alumni table, students were able to sign up for KnightNet, an online network exclusively for Wartburg students, alumni, faculty and staff.

"I think that it can put me in contact with people for opportunities even if it's not necessarily what I want right away," Langston said.

Many tables gave away prizes and snacks. Seven prizes ranging from gift cards to a diploma frame were given to students after they turned in their Grad Finale evaluation. All prizes were funded by the participating departments.

Orange bags made of 100 percent recyclable material were also given to participants at the registration table where interim President William Hamm reminded them to sign the class banner.

Johnson said the event went well. She said she looks forward to seeing more seniors in April for the next Senior Year Experience event which will review the positives and negatives of buying and renting an apartment or house.

Seniors who missed the Finale need to make sure they visit financial aid, registrar and the bookstore, Johnson said. Seniors should direct any other questions to Johnson or Coates.

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Erickson appointed '09-'10 student body treasurer

ANDREW NOSTVICK *OP/ED EDITOR*

The Student Senate appointed Justin Erickson to be treasurer.

Erickson, an economics and political science major, was treasurer of the Wartburg Republicans last year. He thinks this is a great opportunity to get involved more in student life.

"I hope I can contribute to their administration this year as much as possible," Erickson said.

Erickson was a member of the senate budget review committee and has been involved in all the meetings dealing with supplemental requests and allocations.

"I feel like I've got a very good grasp of what [it]is [like] being treasurer," Erickson said.

Former treasurer-elect David Whalen resigned due to eligibility issues.

The application process was then opened and four people applied for treasurer.

Student Body President-elect Abhay Nadipuram said Erickson was the most qualified for the position.

Nadipuram also thinks Erickson's leadership skills will play a great role in the senate executive team.

"He is very firm in his beliefs and opinions, but he cooperates very well with people," Nadipuram said.

Also appointed were MacKenzie Benson as Academic Ombudsperson and Nicole Lequia as Administrative Ombudsperson.

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Student secrets to be compiled in book

AMANDA MOENK *STAFF WRITER*

PostSecret has gained the attention of national and international media, even finding its way to the campus of Wartburg College.

Organizers of the event, Michael Stevenson and MacKenzie Benson, said it is a huge movement among colleges right now.

"It is cool to bring the idea to Wartburg on a smaller scale, even though we couldn't get Frank Warren himself here," Benson said.

PostSecret allows for students, faculty and staff to anonymously submit secrets on a postcard and drop it off at three locations around campus. These locations are outside the Hub, outside of Pathways and inside the Chapel.

Benson said these places give the individual somewhere to reflect about what they wrote on their card.

Warren started the campaign a few years ago after a dream he had led him to write on three postcards. One postcard was about him finding answers in the secrets of others which led to the PostSecret project, according to postsecretcommunity.com

Stevenson said everyone has a secret in a fun way, but also with a serious side. He also said that the postcards help put into perspective the seriousness of both good and bad secrets.

Gretta Stark, a first-year student, thinks it is a great idea to display the cards.

"It is therapeutic to write out secrets," Stark said, "and seeing others with similar ones make students feel like they aren't alone."

Stevenson said this event started off just for the Complex but then came to include the entire campus after Benson and Stevenson both realized that this was a great opportunity for everyone to participate.

Benson said they hope to collect 200 to 300 postcards from the students, faculty and staff. She also said the postcards will be made into a book and sold with the money going to a local charity.

Amanda Gahler/*TRUMPET*

Britney Borchardt deposits her secret in a box outside the Hub for the PostSecret event. All of the secrets collected will be revealed March 17 during an event in the St. Elizabeth Ballroom.

An event is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, from 5-7 p.m. in the St. Elizabeth Ballroom where the postcards will be on display.

Representatives from Pathways, Campus Ministry and other organizations will be giving presentations throughout the night.

Stark said it will be interesting to see what others said on their postcards at the event after all the postcards are collected.

After the postcards are displayed, Benson said the original postcards will be mailed to Frank Warren while a copy of each card will be included in the book.

"It's fun to see students excited about an event," Benson said about passing out cards in Grossmann Hall.

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Dinner gives taste of other cultures

FROM PAGE 1

together to share the final activities of the week. Whether it was chicken curry, Vietnamese chicken salad, or simple beef soup, dishes of all kinds were displayed on the dinner table. Also featured was entrees chirashi sushi from Japan, Nigerian fried rice and chicken, cous cous with lamb from Niger, dumplings from China and many other dishes from various countries.

"Its one thing to eat food from your own culture, and another thing to taste food from various parts of the world. It is like having the world on your table. You literally get a taste of different cultures," international student Chikemma Nwana said.

"Students have really sacrificed a lot to share their cultures with Wartburg, and for a student group to present such a successful week of activities is truly amazing," Roiseland said.

The other activities of culture week included an international film show, a professional speech, a panel discussion and even an international reunion event.

"Craig E. gave a very enlightening speech during the international student reunion. I wish many more American students, faculty and staff could have been there as he spoke of how what we say and do in one culture is taken different by another culture and can lead to lots of misunderstanding," said Strottman.

The activities for culture week continually increase each year, drawing larger crowds and number participants. The I-Club is already looking forward to culture week 2010.

"This year's events have outdone my wildest expectations. We're already looking forward to next year." Roiseland said.

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SPORTS

Knights bring back 2-1 record from Missouri trip

MAC SLAVIN *SPORTS EDITOR*

The Knights baseball team finished a weekend road trip to St. Louis 2-1 with wins over Webster College and Concordia College (Ill.) and a loss to Illinois Wesleyan.

"It was a pretty good weekend, we got some things accomplished," head coach Joel Holst said. "Winning the last two games were really important after jumping off the bust and not playing that well against Illinois Wesleyan."

Holst's squad finished the weekend with a 3-2 win over Concordia College (Ill.) Sunday.

Wartburg was first on the board in the second inning when Pat Grau crossed home plate with an unearned run. In the sixth inning Danny Rose also crossed the plate putting the Knights up 2-0, but in the bottom half of the inning Concordia began to battle back.

The Cougars tied the game at two, but a Jerrold Martijn single drove home Ben Roemmich to put the Knights up 3-2 in the top of the eighth inning.

Mike Johnson led the Knights with three hits and an RBI, while Martijn finished the game with one RBI.

"The pitching was solid and the offense really came to life and we got some things accomplished," Holst said.

The Knights topped Webster University Saturday 11-6.

Wartburg was first on the board in the second inning after Grau doubled and advanced to third on a wild pitch. In the next at bat, Kyle Jones was thrown out at first, but the sacrifice scored Grau to put the Knights up 1-0.

The Gorlocks answered with a one-run second inning too. Wartburg found a one run third inning and a pair of four run innings to put them ahead for good.

The fourth inning started with an A.J. Lewis single. Lewis scored after a Jones double. Steve Chamberin doubled to left scoring Jones and Zach Nagle, who reached earlier on an error. Chamberlin moved over to third on a wild pitch and scored after a Roemmich single to round out a four-run fourth inning.

Martijn homered in the first at bat of the fifth inning, putting the Knights up 7-2. Lewis singled bringing home Grau for another Wartburg run. Two more Wartburg runs came in to put the Knights up 9-2.

The Gorlocks started a comeback late in the game as they managed to pull out a one-run seventh inning and a three-run eighth.

File Photo/*TRUMPET*

Danny Rose and Zach Nagle helped the Knights finish 2-1 over the weekend. The Knights will host Loras Saturday.

Jones finished the game with three RBIs, while Chamberlin finished with two in the win. Grau finished with three runs and Lewis finished with two. Bill Schmitt got the win for the Knights with 7.1 innings pitched allowing only seven hits.

"We've played 15 games now, and [we] know that there's not one team, at least talent-wise, that is better than us," Holst said.

The Knights ran into a tough Illinois Wesleyan opponent, falling 8-0 Friday night.

"We're just inconsistent really in all the phases of the game, and once we start getting outside and practicing, we'll get some of that consistency back," Holst said.

The Titans took advantage of a six-run second inning, holding the Knights scoreless.

"We really gave up too many things to [the Titans], I mean they had a six running inning. They were pretty even teams, it was just one of those deals where we have been giving up a lot to our opponents this year in the season; it wasn't the most positive game we've had," Holst said.

The 8-7 Knights will open conference play Friday night as they travel to Dubuque to take on the Loras.

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Successful season paves the way for the future

PAM RODGERS *STAFF WRITER*

The women's basketball team capped its most successful season under three-year head coach Bob Amsberry by earning IIAC runner-up at the tournament behind five-time consecutive conference champion, Simpson Storm.

"We really improved since last year and throughout this season," Amsberry said. "The foundation that we have laid over the last couple of seasons is beginning to take hold and we started to see the benefits on the court this year."

> *"The foundation that we have laid over the last couple seasons is beginning to take hold."*
> *- Coach Bob Amsberry*

The Knights clinched the second seed going into the tournament off of their win over Central on the road 83-53 at the end of the season. Getting the placement was important to the Knights because it allowed them to have a first round bye, Amsberry said.

Wartburg surged past Loras 61-54 in the semi-final game to send them into a head-to-head final game with the Storm.

Simpson overpowered the Knights 74-45 in the final. Wartburg was a little slow to get going and allowed the Storm to get the advantage.

"[Simpson] really got it going in early in the second half and shot the ball very well. We were unable to get any consistent flow offensively, and we struggled converting opportunities, which you can't do against a team like Simpson," Amsberry said.

The Knights end the season with a winning record of 16-11 and were 10-6 in Iowa Conference play. Wartburg will lose one senior this year, Sharese Van Sloten.

She led the Knights in scoring and rebounds this year recording 392 and 208 respectively. She received first team all-conference honors for her effort this year.

"Sharese had an incredible senior year. Her improvement over the last three years has been amazing, but she earned every inch of it. She worked extremely hard in the offseason and made herself into a great player. She was a great leader for us and has set our program back on the right track," Amsberry said.

In her four years, Van Sloten totaled 1,031 points and 634 rebounds.

Also getting all-conference honors was Samantha Harrington who earned a spot on the second team. This year she tallied 359 points bringing her two-year total to 611.

With only one senior, the Knights return the rest of their starters and bench players for next. A fact that Amsberry says is important to continue to the program's success in the future.

"Overall I was pleased with our season and felt that we continued to improve throughout the year," Amsberry said. "This year was an important step as we continue to build the program, but we still have a ways to go to become competitive on a national level. We have changed the culture of the program and should be in position to take another step forward next year."

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UNI: Local team at the Big Dance

FROM PAGE 8

in 1979, 1990, 2004, 2005, and 2006.

Their highest seed came in '06 when they were a number 10 seed that squared off against Georgetown. They have won two tournament games. Their best tournament performance was in 1990 when they upset the No. 3 seed Missouri, but lost in the second round.

So what can we expect from them this year? They received the No. 12 seed in the west region and face off against Purdue. So I wouldn't write the Panthers in with ink.

But why not, what's to lose? The Panthers have made it this far and for the Cedar Valley, it is exciting to once again have the "home-team" in the tournament. Even more exciting is that UNI is THE only team from Iowa. There is no love for the Hawkeyes, no backing for the Cyclones and no..."barking?" for the Bulldogs of Drake. So, Go Panthers!

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TRUMPET SPORTS

Upcoming Schedule

Friday - Softball v. Ashford @ 3 p.m.
Baseball @Loras @ 6 p.m.
Men's Tennis @ St. Ambrose @ 5 p.m.

Saturday - Men's Tennis @ Augustana @ noon
Baseball v. Loras @ 1 and 3 p.m.

Knights swing two victories their way

ERIC THIELE *STAFF WRITER*

The Wartburg men's tennis team traveled to Mount Vernon on Saturday and defeated Cornell College 6-3 and defeated Westminster College, in (Mo.), 6-3 as well. This improved the Knights overall record to 7-4 and 2-0 in the Iowa Conference.

The match against Cornell saw Mitch Eslick win his singles match, 6-2 and 6-4, against Kris Andresen. Eslick also was in a doubles match with the conference player of the week, Tom Koenen, who defeated the duo of Andresen and John Mineck, 8-6.

Koenen also was able to defeated his Cornell opponent in his singles match, 6-2 and 6-1.

Chris Buckingham also won his singles match, 6-1 and 6-0. However, his doubles match with Aaron Masterson did not go as planned as the duo was defeated, 9-7. Aaron Masterson was unable to pull off a win in singles play as he was defeated, 6-1 and 6-0.

"With the addition of Mitch Eslick, we are looking pretty strong with our one, two, and three. Mitch, Buck, and Tom," head coach Ben Oestreich said.

The meet with Cornell also saw Andrew Kahler win his singles match, 7-5, 4-6, and 10-5. Kahler teamed up with James Nguyen in doubles play to defeat their opponent, 8-6. Nguyen was unable to pull out a win in singles play as he was defeated, 6-1 and 6-4.

Over spring break, the team traveled to Hilton Head, S.C. and the team was able to win matches against Catholic University, 9-0, and also against Adrian College, 8-1. The team also was defeated by Methodist University (NC), 6-3 and by Grand Rapids Community College, 6-3 as well.

There were several bright spots for the Knights over their spring break competitions as Tom Koenen went 8-0 in his competitions which earned him the IIAC Conference Player of the Week. Chris Buckingham also did very well in his competitions as he went 7-1.

"Tom came back strong and went 8-0, which was phenomenal to see him come back and really get after it and get through stiff competition unblemished. It was a real nice honor for him to get the conference player of the week for his efforts," Oestreich said.

Oestreich said it has been a good start to the season so far and that they are looking to move forward in the right direction each day.

The Knights will attempt to improve on their season as they travel to Davenport on Friday to face St. Ambrose at 5 p.m.

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Mac Slavin/*TRUMPET*
Andrew Kahler tosses up a serve in a match earlier this year.

FROM THE BULLPEN

Panthers put local perspective on tourney

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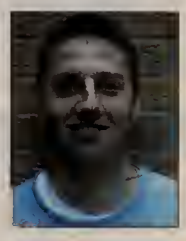
It's that time of year again and I'm not talking about the time of year where one day it's 70 degrees and the next it's freezing and 12 degrees. I'm talking about the time of year where teams are hanging on their edge of their seat wondering if they are going to continue their season or not.



Often when the big dance comes around, people fill out their brackets and watch the madness and have a good time. For the past couple of years, the Cedar Valley region has missed out on a personal level of the tournament without having a team that represents them.

Sure we had Drake in their last year, but the University of Northern Iowa hasn't been in the tournament since 2006. That was after they had made the tournament for three consecutive seasons. Oddly enough 2006 was the last time the Hawkeyes were in the big dance as well. But since then, the Cedar Valley hasn't had a team to root for.

Being a college student at a Div. III school I'm as excited as anyone else about the whole tournament but the fact that there is a "home-team" in the tournament makes it that much more exciting.

This year, UNI isn't just a Cinderella story going into the tournament but they have been one all year. Most people felt Creighton would win the Missouri Valley Conference tournament even though the Panthers received the No. 1 seed.

The Panthers history in the tournament isn't a bad one especially for a mid-major. They have qualified seven times including this year. Their first dance came back in '64. Since then they have qualified

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Four shutouts lead to weekend sweep

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The Knights softball team traveled to Missouri and came home with a weekend record of 4-0. On Saturday, Wartburg won 3-0 and 10-0 against Stephens College (Mo.) and followed that with wins of 1-0 and 3-0 against Westminster College (Mo.) on Sunday.

The first three innings were a scorless and uneventful affair for both teams. In the top of the fourth, Tina Vande Hoef led of the inning with a homerun which was all pitcher Lexy Determan and the Knights needed.

Determan started the game off by retiring 16 straight batters before she gave up a double in the bottom of the sixth inning. Determan ended the game pitching six scoreless innings giving up one hit, two walks, and struck out 11.

"Our pitchers have done an outstanding job. Detterman, Angela Hartwig and Jacie Smith all had a part in all four of the shut-outs and so they all contributed and looked really impressive," head coach Kara Kehe said.

Hartwig stepped into the game in the seventh to close it out for the Knights. Wartburg finished with four hits. Leading the way for the Knights was Vande Hoef who went 2-2 with a homerun and a single.

In the second game, the action started a little earlier as the Knights lit up the board in the top of the second inning. The offense in the inning didn't start for the Knights until Determan stepped into the box and hit a two out single. Leane Yoder followed that with a single of her own and two walks pushed Determan across home plate.

On the defensive side of the ball, Hartwig scattered four hits through seven innings. She sat down 11 batters and walked none.

In the top of the sixth, the Knights posted some insurance runs as Yoder reached on an error which also scored a run. Lynn Heitkamp followed that with a single that scored Amber Ralston.

"I think we are really working hard and we're hoping to improve everyday we go out. That's our expectation and we are striving to meet those goals and you have to remember it's early in the season and we hope that will continue," Kehe said.

On Saturday, Wartburg squared off against the Stars of Stephens College hoping to continue their win streak of two. The first game went to the Knights by way of a 3-0 decision. The second game was once again in favor of the Knights this one swung 10-0 to the black and orange.

The Knights added a tenth shut-out victory to their 15-1 record.

"I think it all starts in the pitching circle. They have a great opportunity to put the team in a great position every day we take the field. I'm really impressed with their effort and willingness to work together." Kehe said.

This Friday the Knights open their home season against Ashford with the first pitch to be thrown at 3 p.m. On Sunday, they host Martin Luther (Minn.) for a 2 p.m. start.

"We've just talked about looking at things that we feel we can improve upon and emphasive those things in practice so hopefully they can carry over in game situations. We're excited to get home and play in front of a crowd. We're just taking things one day at a time, one game at a time so hopefully things continue to roll for us," Kehe said.

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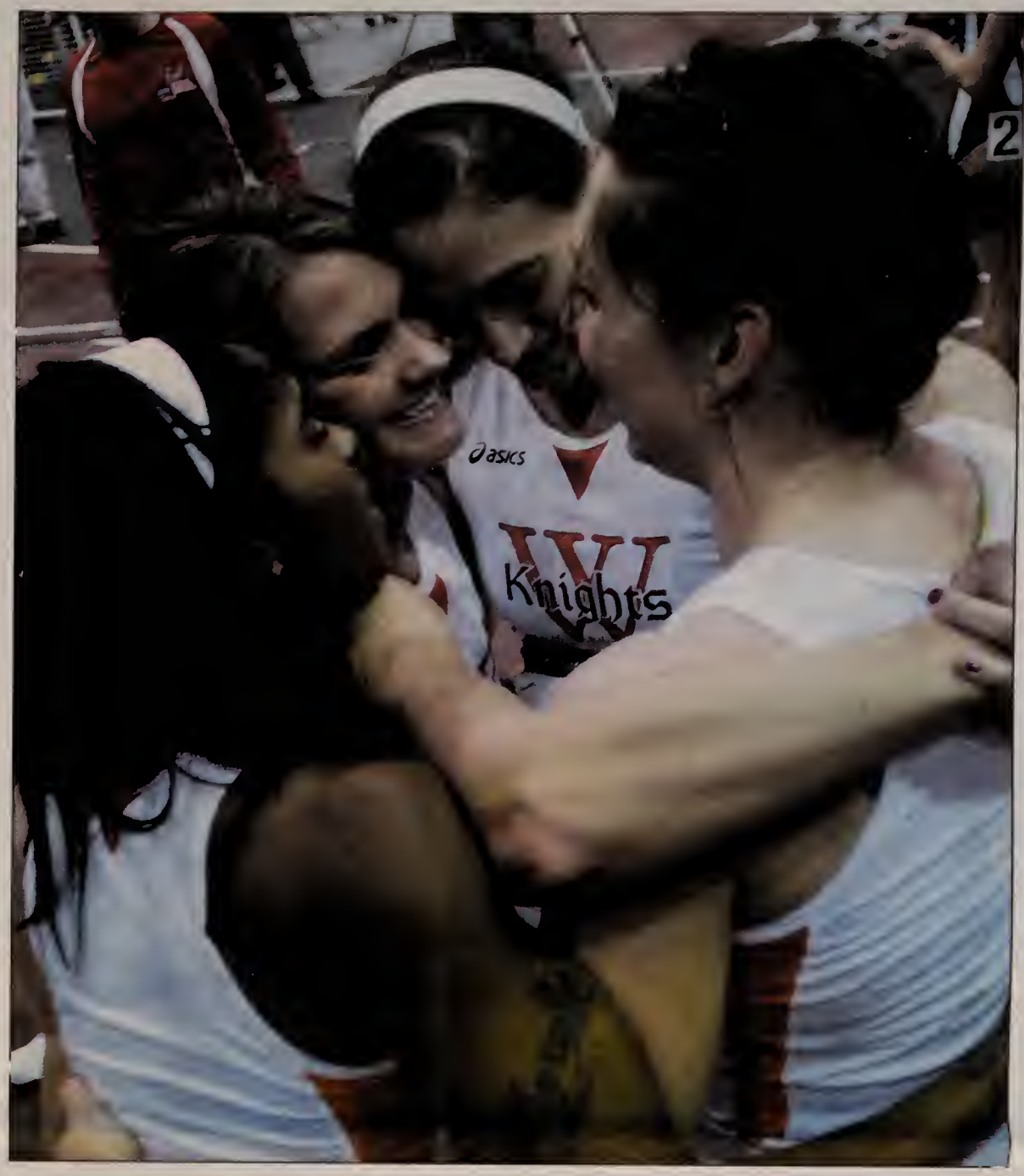
Knights earn championship with 4x400 win



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Nevada Morrison, Chelsey Jacobs, Hannah Baker and Kelsey Steffens celebrate after winning the 4x400-meter relay, which guaranteed the Knights to a national team title.

LUKE SHANNO *EDITOR-IN-CHIEF*

Arguably the strongest event for the Wartburg College women's indoor track and field team, the 4x400-meter relay, lived up to its billing as one of the most exciting races of the championship as the Knights took the event title and secured the team title with the 4x400 victory.

Heading into the 4x400 final, the last women's running event of the championship, the Knights held a half point lead over eventual runner-up UW - LaCrosse.

An event win guaranteed the team title for the Knights, and a finish ahead of the UW – LaCrosse 4x400 team ensured the team title as well.

The relay team, made up of Nevada Morrison, Kelsey Steffens, Chelsey Jacobs and Hannah Baker got out of the gate strong as Morrison ran the opening leg, handing the baton off to Steffens in second place.

Steffens took the lead coming out of the last lap, and when Steffens passed the baton to Jacobs for the third leg, Jacobs took off and extended the lead.

Jacobs handed off to Baker with a cushion, and that is all Baker needed to finish the race in a time of 3:50.1.

Baker finished the anchor leg of the 4x400 with her arms raised and a sense of relief on her face as she immediately went to her 4x400 teammates to celebrate all that moment offered: an event title, All-American honors and a team national title.

"This has been a goal of ours from the beginning of the season. We were not afraid to say that we wanted to be national champions," Baker said. "It just felt great to be able to come here and close the deal."

The 4x400 team will return three out of the four legs as Steffens is the only senior on the squad.

"As a freshman, it feels great to be here, to be an All-American, with juniors and seniors and to take this home," Morrison said.

Morrison, Jacobs and Baker all know that it will be tough to repeat, but this year's experience will only help them.

"You have to work as hard as you can throughout the season at practice and meets to earn your spot on this 4x400," Baker said. "It's great that three of us are returning, but we need work just as hard as we did this year next year to be able to put together the same kind of outcome."

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Team effort propels Knights to title

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put, garnering All-American honors.

"When I came in, no one was expecting much from me. I knew I had an opportunity to score big points and help our team out," Hoffmann said.

And she did just that.

"Sarah had confidence from day one. We knew she was going to do something special, we just didn't know what," Newsom said. "For her to be able to go in with that level of confidence was special, and for her to step up and finish fourth is great."

Wartburg had three runners in the 400-meter dash finals after having five qualify for the event.

Hannah Baker, Nevada Morrison and Jenny Kordick finished second, fourth and seventh respectively in the 400 to capture more points for the Knights, closing the gap between UW – La Crosse.

Faith Burt gained All-American honors for her fourth-place finish in the 55-meter dash.

The anchoring event for Wartburg in the championship was the 4x400-meter relay team of Morrison, Kelsey Steffens, Chelsey Jacobs and Baker.

The Knights know that they have the outdoor season to prepare for right around the corner.

"We're going to enjoy this, but then we start all over again. That's why you compete. You compete because of the challenge," Newsom said. "We're going to enjoy this one for now, but in a week from now, when we get going for outdoor season, we'll have to move on."

"The end of the indoor season has set us up really well for the outdoor season," Weidman said. "As a team, this will help us go for it even more in the outdoor season."

Ask any one of the athletes on the team, and they all say that this year's team title was a true team victory.

"It feels great because this year was a total team effort. Everybody played a part in it," Kordick said. "For us to come here, and come together and everybody do their part and score points, it all added up."

Newsom was quick to point out why this win was so special.

"We don't say 'team' at Wartburg," Newsom said. "This was a true family win."

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Chelsey Jacobs took the lead for good in the third leg of the 4x400-meter relay to guide the Knights to a victory.

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Hannah Baker triumphantly raises her arms as she crosses the finish line of the 4x400 meter relay.

2nd *400 M Dash*
HANNAH BAKER

3rd *Distance Medley Relay*
AMANDA KUIKEN
JENNY KORDICK
AUDREY WEIDMAN
JENNIFER KUIKEN

4th *400 M Dash*
NEVADA MORRISON

4th *Shot Put*
SARAH HOFFMANN

7th *400 M Dash*
JENNY KORDICK

1st *4x4 M Relay*
NEVADA MORRISON
KELSEY STEFFENS
CHELSEY JACOBS
HANNAH BAKER

4th *55 M Dash*
FAITH BURT

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